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FOR: **METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR MAINTAINING
A TRAJECTORY IN STEROTAXI FOR TRACKING A
TARGET INSIDE A BODY**

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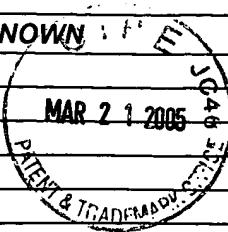
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